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OPTICAL DISPERSION-EQUALIZER,)
AND METHOD OF)
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HOLDING DEVICE)

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U.S. Patent No. 6,411,746 to Chamberlain et al., issued June 25, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 5,717,803 to Yoneda et al., issued February 10, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,671,315 to Tabuchi et al., issued September 23, 1997; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-292383, issued November 5, 1996.

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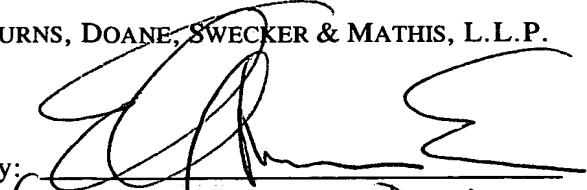
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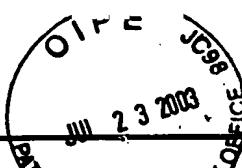
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